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Letter dated 11 October 2004 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly

1. At present, 13 Member States are in arrears under the terms of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations, which states as follows:

> "A Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. The General Assembly may, nevertheless, permit such a Member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member."

2. The minimum payments necessary to reduce the amounts owed by those Member States on their contributions so that they remain below the gross amount assessed for the preceding two full years (2002 and 2003) are as follows:

Member State	*Minimum payment (United States dollars)*
Central African Republic	319 948.00[a]
Chad	9 333.00
Comoros	744 450.00[a]
Georgia	5 968 712.49[a]
Guinea-Bissau	459 550.00[a]
Iraq	14 519 577.00[a]
Liberia	1 110 215.00[a]
Malawi	6 715.00
Niger	338 087.69[a]
Republic of Moldova	1 299 635.00[a]
Sao Tome and Principe	562 555.00[a]
Somalia	990 955.00[a]
Tajikistan	1 252 174.00[a]

[a] In its resolution 59/1 of 11 October 2004, the General Assembly decided that the Central African Republic, Comoros, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Liberia, the Niger, the Republic of Moldova, Sao Tome and Principe, Somalia and Tajikistan should be permitted to vote in the Assembly until 30 June 2005.

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